

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Airing one-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not, in fact, serve the public interest. Domination of the airways by a few large companies allows for an unacceptable degree of influence over public discourse and opinion. Tightening media ownership rules will promote inclusion of more substantive and balanced voices, a crucial ingredient in a true democracy. We need a meaningful license renewal process to protect and serve the public.